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SUBJ: NORTHERN PACIFIC FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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1. ON JANUARY 19, 1977 A SIX MEMBER DELEGATION HEADED BY MR. KIM SUNG SOO, CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, CALLED UPON ECON COUNSELOR TO TRANSMIT AN APPEAL TO WASHINGTON FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN THE ALLOCATION OF QUOTAS FOR ALASKA POLLACK IN THE U.S. 200-MILE ZONE. THEIR APPEAL HAD BEEN STIMULATED BY PRESS REPORTS SOURCED TO ROKG OFFICIALS THAT ALTHOUGH A 150,000 TON QUOTA HAD BEEN REQUESTED, WASHINGTON WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS HAD SUGGESTED THAT 65,000 TONS OF POLLACK AND 1,880 TONS OF SABLEFISH WOULD BE THE MORE LIKELY QUOTA TOTALS.

2. THEIR APPEAL REITERATED AND AMPLIFIED THE CONTENTS OF THE ROKG NOTE TRANSMITTED SECOND REFTL BY INCLUDING STATISTICAL REFERENCES TO THE IMPACT OF ANYTHING LESS THAN 150,000 TONS. THEY STATED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE LOSS OF ONE-THIRD OF THE PER CAPITA DAILY NUTRITIONAL INTAKE OF ANIMAL PROTEIN IN THE KOREAN DIET, FOURTEEN FIRMS WITH FOREIGN INDEBTEDNESS OF

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\$120 MILLION ON 57 VESSELS TOTALLING 102,778 TONS AND EMPLOYING 3,000 PERSONS WOULD FACE BANKRUPTCY FROM A 65,000 TONS US ALLOCATION COUPLED WITH SOVIET EXCLUSION OF ROK VESSELS FROM KAMCHATKA. THEIR GREATEST CONCERN IS THAT THE TRAWLERS ENGAGED IN THE NORTH PACIFIC ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR THAT FISHERY AND THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF DIVERTING THEM TO OTHER AREAS.

3. IN CONVERSATION DELEGATION LAID STRESS ON FACT THAT ROK FISHERMEN HAD BEEN ASSURED OF A POLLACK SUPPLY BY US OFFICIALS IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE EXISTING FISHERY AGREEMENT. IN THEIR VIEW, THE JAPANESE AND SOVIETS HAD ENDANGERED THE FISHERY RESOURCES AND TAKEN VALUABLE CSFR WHICH KOREA HAD FORESAKEN, YET KOREAN FISHERMEN WOULD BEAR THE BURDEN OF RESTORATION RATHER THAN THOSE WHO HAD CAUSED THE PROBLEM.

4. ECONCOUNS REVIEWED THE BACKGROUND AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW EXTENSIVELY, COUNSELLED PATIENCE, ASSURED THE DELEGATION THAT THE KOREAN POSITION WAS BEING VIGOROUSLY PRESENTED BY THE ROKG, AND THAT IT WOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL ATTENTION BY THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED IN ADMINISTERING THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT LAW AS FAIRLY AS IT WOULD PERMIT.
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